MINUTES

OF THE

Union Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

WHITE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH,

Copiah County, Mississippi.

September 25-26-27-28, 1896.

PORT GIBSON, MISS.:
REVEILLE JOB PRINTING OFFICE.
1896.

Officers.

S. R. YOUNG.....Moderator.

J. W. CLARK.....Clerk.

W. B. THOMPSON.....Treasurer.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held with the Philadelphia Baptist Church, Copiah County, Mississippi,

Wednesday Before 4th Sunday in September, 1897.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to adjournment the Union Baptist Association met its seventy-sixth annual session with White Oak Baptist Church, Copiah County, Mississippi, Sept. 25th, 1896.

Association engaged in devotional exercises—consisting of singing and prayer—conducted by J. J. Embry; prayer, by S. R. Young, J. H. Purser, W. H. Lantrip and W. S. Rogers.

After brief recess, re-assembled to hear the introductory sermon by Bro. J. E. Phillips from chapter XVI., verse 18, Matthew.

In absence of Moderator and Clerk, Bro. G. W. Foster called the Association to order, and on motion J. J. Embry was elected temporary Chairman and J. W. Clark, Clerk pro tem.

Benediction by Rev. I. H. Anding.

Association adjourned for refreshments.

2 O'Clock P. M.

After singing and prayer by Rev. W. S. Rogers, Association was called to order by Moderator pro tem, and proceeded to organize.

Bros. H. W. Lantrip and J. T. Edwards were appointed reading clerks.

On call of churches the following brethren responded with letters and their names were enrolled:

Antioch—W. C. Bufkin, J. E. Mathes.

Bethesday—Joseph Cupit, J. R. Rushing.

Bethany—T. D. Martin.

Brushy Fork—M. M. Young, J. E. Townsend, J. W. Clark.

Beech Grove—Wm. Holder, H. L. Harland, C. L. Young.

Center Chapel—J. R. Rollins.

Fellowship—G. W. Foster, H. W. Lantrip, J. T. Edwards.

Hermanville—J. W. Crews, J. R. Butler, T. E. McElvene.

Martin—Rev. S. R. Young.

New Zion—W. J. Scott, M. Buford, W. C. Green, W. G. Sumrall.

Philadelphia—T. E. Applewhite.

Pine Bluff—E. L. Wilson, B. M. Moody, J. A. Anderson.

Piedmont—Isaac Posey.

Pleasant Hill—L. West, W. S. Rogers, W. W. Furr, T. J. Barksdale.

Port Gibson—J. W. Purvis, J. W. McPherson.
Sims' Chapel—W. B. Herrin, J. L. Till, A. S. Riser.
Rodney—W. B. Thompson, J. J. Embry.
Reganton—W. J. Mullican, J. W. Foster.
Smyrna—G. H. Wade, C. P. Martin, L. O. Wright.
Unity—T. M. Harrington, R. W. O. Quinn.
White Oak—J. H. Jacobs, F. M. Coleman, G. W. Simmons.
New Providence—Not represented.

After which the Association went into the election of officers, with the following results: Rev. S. R. Young, Moderator; J. W. Clark, Clerk; W. B. Thompson, Treasurer.

Bro. Young, in appropriate words expressed his appreciation of the confidence shown by his election, calling on members of the Association to assist him in his duties, and also calling attention to the responsibilities devolving upon them.

After prayer by Rev. I. H. Anding, he, as Pastor of White Oak Church, delivered an address of welcome in behalf of the Church fully impressing the Association that they were truly and heartily welcome.

Bro. Purser was called upon to respond, which he did in a very appropriate manner.

On motion, it was decided to adopt the same order of business as heretofore:

1. Call to Order.
2. Organize.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Call for Correspondence.
5. Appoint Committees.
6. Report of Committees.
7. Motions and Resolutions.
8. Adjournment.

Call for Petitionary Letters.

CALL FOR CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Chester Association—B. R. Hughey.
Mississippi Association—W. P. H. Dealman.
Central Association—Joe Jacobs.
Copiah Association—E. Roberts.
Union Association (Col.)—E. M. Bennett.
Mississippi College—W. S. Rogers.

Corresponding Messengers appointed:

Copiah Association—W. S. Rogers.
Fair River Association—G. W. Farmer, J. H. Purser, G. W. Simmons.
Convention Board—I. H. Anding, S. R, Young.

Central Association—J. W. Foster, G. W. Foster, M. Duford, S. R. Young.

Mississippi Association—Joe Cupit, J. E. Phillips, Isaac Posey.

State Convention—J. E. Phillips, H. W. Lantrip, S. R. Young, J. H. Purser.

On motion of J. J. Embry, Bro. H. W. Lantrip was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Bro. J. E. Phillips, Alternate.

On motion, J. E. Mathes, I. L. West, W. H. Thedford were appointed delegates to the Colored Union Association, W. S. Rogers, delegate to Cairy Association.

Roll was called on appointment of Committees:

Ministerial Education—H. W. Lantrip.

Sustentation—J. W. Crews.

Prohibition—J. W. Clark.

Pastoral Support—J. T. Edwards.

Colored People—W. S. Rogers.

Family Worship—E. Wilson.

Religious Exercises—R. B. Greenlee, Pastor and Deacons of White Oak Church.

On motion, the Association will meet at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 11 o'clock for preaching. Meet in afternoon at 1:30, adjourn at 4:30. Special order to hear report on Mississippi College, at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion, the use of the house was granted to the Woman's Missionary Society, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Report of Committee on Hospitality and homes assigned to delegates and visitors.

On motion, adjourned to meet next morning at 9 o'clock.

Second Day, 9 O'Clock A. M.

Preliminary services conducted by Bro. J. W. Crews.

After singing "Nearer My God to Thee," and prayer by Bro. G. W. Foster, the 23rd Psalm was read. Singing and prayer by Bro. Hughey. Another song was song, after which Bro. Hughey made a very impressive talk from the above mentioned Psalms. Prayer by W. B. Thompson.

Minutes read and adopted.

Committees appointed:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

G. W. Foster, W. C. Green, Burl Moody.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION.

Walter Scott, Chairman; T. D. Martin, Wm. Holder.

COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

J. J. Embry, Chairman; W. C. Bufkins, J. R. Rushing, T. D. Martin, M. M. Young, W. C. Green, T. E. Applewhite, W. W. Furr, J. L. Till, Geo. Wade, C. L. Young, J. R. Rollins, J. T. Edwards, J. R. Butler, S. R. Young, E. L. Wilson, J. W. McPherson, W. J. Mullican, F. M. Coleman.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

W. S. Rogers, H. W. Lantrip, T. J. Barsdale.

Report on Foreign Missions read by J. E. Phillips:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At the beginning of modern Baptist missions many opponents arose to condemn, but Cary, Judson, Marshman and others thought it "better to obey God rather than men," and so went forth sowing seeds, which were soon to spring up bearing an abundant harvest.

They planted well mid tears and sufferings and could they, to-day, stand on lofty height and behold hundreds who feed upon the bread of life, and sing the songs of Zion—hundreds led to Christ 'neath the benign influence which they, under God, set in motion one hundred years ago, their hearts would leap with ecstatic joy. These hundreds have been bought with the price, and can we keep to ourselves the life-giving food, when there are yet so many more to be fed?

Christ says, "If ye love me, ye will keep my words," and his words are, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Awhile ago, and the doors of the nations were closed to the Gospel; to-day they stand ajar, and the call is heard, "Come over and help us."

"Over the ocean wave, far, far away,
There the poor heathen live waiting for day.
Groping in ignorance dark as the night,
No blessed Bible to give them the light.
Here in this happy land, we have the light,
Shining from God's own word, free, pure and bright,
Shall we not send to them Bibles to read,
Teachers and preachers and all that they need."

"Go ye," is the command; and "Lo! I am with you always," says Christ.

Cary and others believed and realized the truth of this. Shall not we?

J. E. PHILLIPS.

The hour for special orders arrived and on motion, the discussion on Foreign Missions continued. Bro. Rowe being present the rights of the brethren were waived to him. After giving a very pointed and appropriate talk the report was adopted.

Report on Mississippi College, read by Bro. J. H. Purser:

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

It is gratifying to be enabled to report the work of the College a success during the past year. The much beloved Dr. Provine, who begun the work of improving the buildings three years ago, has continued the same until the Board of Trustees report that there has been general repairs made, not only on the principle building, but also on the cottages and other buildings. And which makes them both comfortable and neat. This was done at the cost of $3,358.65. And this shows that the plans adopted by the Chairman of the faculty in connection with the efficient labors of the agent employed, Bro. C. L. Lewis, has induced our people to give more liberally of their money to the support of the College.

Beports show 242 students registered during the past year, this being the highest number since 1891. Many of our people are realizing the importance of patronizing our own school. And as a result of the liberal contributions made the College has for the first time paid all of its actual expenses, and reports a surplus of $275.53. The professors have received their salaries regularly and on the day they were oue. All of which shows the College in a prosperous condition. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PURSER.

Bro. C. L. Lewis being present as representative for the College, time was granted him to discuss the subject, which he very ably did, and showed all the advantages and importance of patronizing the College.

Report on Mississippi College discussed by W. S. Rogers and adopted.

Peport on religious exercises received.

Rev. C. L. Lewis was appointed to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock.

Bro. Hurt, of Winona, representative of Baptist Layman, made announcement that he would receive all subscriptions.

Association adjourned, the ladies holding their mission meeting in the house, the others going to the stand. Bro. Lewis preached from Romans, chapter VI., verse 14.

2 O'Clock P. M.

After refreshments Association again assembled to resume business. After singing and prayer by J. E. Phillips reports were called for. Report on Ministerial Education was read by H. W. Lantrip, discussed by C. L. Lewis and Bro. R. Hughey, and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

God calls men to preach the gospel. He qualifies them by giving to them a brain which is to be educated, drawn out or developed by the individual called of God. The development of the physical man depends largely upon the quality of food. Wholesome food produces a strong, vigorous body. So the development of the mind depends largely upon a strong, vigorous body, in connection with wholesome mind food. It is therefore the duty of every preacher of the word to partake freely of the wholesome food provided for both the physical and mental man. The object of an educated ministry is to simplify the word of God, giving to each his portion in due season—that the world may be taken for Christ—that God may be glorified thereby.

We have our denominational school, located at Clinton, in which we feel a special pride. It has and is now doing a noble work in developing the minds of our ministerial brethren. We would urge them to continue in school and also urge our brethren generally to contribute to their support and thus assist in raising the standard of ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. LANTRIP.

Report on State Missions, by S. R. Young.
Report on Home Missions, by W. J. Scott.
Read and discussed by A. V. Rowe and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is difficult to conceive of a more important work before Mississippi Baptists than that of State Missions. The evangelization of our people; the organization of Churches and training them into sympathy with all the interests of our Redeemer's Kingdom; the strengthening of weak Churches and encouraging them to go forward;—all this seems to be the foundation work for the prosperity of every enterprise fostered by us as a people. It is, therefore, of sufficient importance to arouse our hearty sympathy, enlist our earnest prayers, and secure our liberal gifts.

ENCOURAGEMENTS.—Under the wise management of our Convention Board, with its efficient Secretary, seventy-three missionaries have been employed, some for all, others for a part of their time. These have been occupying prominent and influential places as well as the by-ways—the more obscure places. The board also employed three colportuers, who travel, preach, scatter bibles, tracts and other religious literature. In addition to this nine institutes for colored preachers have been held, in which great good has been accomplished, giving these preachers a more

extended and accurate knowledge of God's word. All these are potent agencies under God for the spread of the gospel among the destitute of our state. Throughout the length and breadth of our state these agencies are exercising untold influence for good. The outlook is cheering and inspiring. Let no one be discouraged, or think that the work is about accomplished; for each field taken and occupied is but the vantage ground for greater effort and greater victory.

In our own Association at Port Gibson, with indomitable energy and pluck our people have been building with but little money with which to pay mechanics. Pastor as well as laymen wrought with their own hands on the house. They had the satisfaction, when their time was out at the court house, of entering their own house; and in this town, where Baptists have found it so hard to get a foothold, we may now expect with God's blessings to go forward.

We gracefully, and we trust with pardonable pride, refer to the efficient and substantial help given to this work by our sisters through the central committee. They have cheerfully contributed to the work $1,049. We hope their liberality will encourage and inspire the brethren to do more for the Master's cause.

S. R. YOUNG.

HOME MISSIONS.

To those who would seriously say that "Charity begins at home", and would use this old adage as an excuse for not giving to general missions, I would say that the S. B. C. regards the destitute portion of the southern states, the foreign population, the negroes, the Indians, the Mexicans of New Mexico, and the inhabitants of Cuba as worthy subjects of our prayers and contributions.

Among these, and under the direction of the Board, there have been 411 missionaries employed, 5617 baptisms, and 92 houses of worship built during the past year.

The war in Cuba has greatly hindered the work there, but under God His Kingdom may be more fully established thereby. In the meantime, brethren, let us pray for suffering, bleeding Cuba, and more especially for our Baptist brethren. Yes, right in our midst thousands and thousands of dollars more might be spent to the glory of God and for the advancement of His cause.

"The Foreign Missions Journal" has this to say of the results of last year's work: "Both the Home Board and the Foreign Board have had a hard year, which ought to stimulate all Christians to take special interest in this work. Remember, as a matter of encouragement and inspiration in this work, that the work

of both Boards has been wonderfully blessed, and that they greatly need your help."

"'Our land for Christ,' our rallying cry;
'Christ for our land,' our hearts reply,
And lift to Heaven an earnest plea
That He its Lord and King will be."

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SCOTT.

Report on Sustentation, by J. W. Crews; discussed by J. W. Crews, W. S. Rogers and A. V. Rowe. Adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee begs leave to offer the following report:

This part of our work is still neglected, from the reports of the different churches. I see nothing has been done for the support of the families of our deceased brethren, who gave their lives in the Master's work. Brethren, this should demand not only our sympathies but our hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CREWS.

Report on Devotional Exercises received, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Preaching at the stand, Saturday, 11 A. M.

Sunday School Mass Meeting, Sunday, 9:30 A. M., conducted by Bro. J. W. Crews. Addresses by Brethren H. P. Hurt, S. R. Young, B. R. Hughey.

Preaching in house, Sunday, 11 A. M., A. V. Rowe.

Preaching at stand, Sunday, 11 A. M., H. W. Lantrip.

Preaching in house, Sunday, 2 P. M., B. R. Hughey.

Preaching at stand, Sunday, 2 P. M., S. R. Young.

Preaching at White Oak Colored Church, Sunday, 11 A. M., J. E. Phillips.

Memorial Services, Sunday, 3:30 P. M., conducted by Moderator S. R. Young.

Association adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Sunday Exercises.

Mass meeting conducted by J. W. Crews.

Report on Sunday Schools read by J. W. Crews. Discussed by brethren Crews, Anding and Hurt. Adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Elder A. V. Rowe occupied the pulpit and preached from the text, John, chapter XII., verse 21, "Sirs we would see Jesus."

Preaching at the stand by Rev. B. R. Hughey, John, chapter IV., 14th verse.

Preaching at 2 o'clock, P. M., from pulpit, by Elder H. W. Lantrip, Phil., chapter IV., 18th verse.

Preaching to colored church at 11 A. M., by Elder J. E. Phillips, Eph.; chapter V., 2nd verse.

Memorial service conducted by S. R. Young at 3:30 P. M. The following resolutions in respect to memory of our deceased were read by H. W. Lantrip, and adopted:

We, your committee appointed on obituaries, would offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That inasmuch as we cannot obtain the names of all our brethren who have passed from our midst by death during the past year, that we hereby express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of our deceased brethren.

Resolved, That we cherish the memory of Elder W. W. Bolls as a faithful minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that we mourn the loss of one so good, great and useful in our field of labor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. ROGERS,
H. W. LANTRIP,
T. J. BARKSDALE,

After appropriate talk in memory of the earnest, faithful life of our dear Brother, W. W. Bolls, by Brethren Young, Anding, Embry, Jacob, Crews and Scott, the 199th hymn was sung; dismissed by B. R. Hughey.

COLLECTIONS ON SUNDAY.

Collections in mass meeting, for Orphans' Home, amounted to $6.56. Same was given to A. V. Rowe to forward at once. Collections taken at the house and stand, for Missions, amounted to $19.10. Collection in the evening for Ladies' Aid Society, $10.50.

Third Day, 9 O'Clock A. M.

Association called to order by Moderator. Hymn 121 was sung, and prayer by J. W. Crews. Minutes read and adopted.

Report on Publication read by J. J. Embry; discussed by Brethren Embry, Hughey and Anding. Adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee on publication would first recommend the careful and prayerful reading of the Holy Scriptures.

We have two papers in our state representing our denomination, the "Baptist Record" and "Baptist Layman." We also mention the "Western Recorder", published at Louisville, Ky., as a paper sound on our doctrine. We would recommend the "Southern Baptist Convention Series" as the best literature to be used in our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. EMBRY.

Report on Prohibition, read by J. W. Clark; discussed by Brethren Scott, Crews, Purser and Anding. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROHIBITION.

Brethren:

We have much to encourage us all along the line of temperance. Where we have not succeeded altogether in prohibition, it has been shown up in such light that we have at least succeeded in bringing about temperance. The friends of temperance have made a good and successful fight. Victory after victory has been won until Mississippi is well-nigh free from the liquor traffic;—that is, compared to a few years ago. And not only Mississippi, but all over the United States it has been success after succes until it seems that God has blessed every agency that has been arrayed against the soul-destroying fiend. On account of time and space we omit the statistics. They have been given in nearly every Association for years. Suffice it to say that we should feel thankful that there has been so much done, and that God has crowned our effort to such a great extent.

But there are many more things to be done. We should use every honorable way—by word, action and look—to rid the country of the liquor trade, to prohibit the use as a beverage, and to bring all violators of the law to justice. Then we would have prohibition indeed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CLARK.

Report of Executive Board read by J. W. Crews; adopted.

REPORT.

Your Board, at its January meeting, decided upon the work it would undertake to do, as follows: For the support of the gospel at Martin, $35, provided the church raise $50; for Bethany, $15, if the church raise $50. We also decided to do more for these churches and at other places, provided the churches in the Association would aid us in our undertaking.

At this meeting there was no money in sight. And only a promise from the State Board of $50, which was applied as above mentioned. Only two churches responded: New Zion, $12.70; Hermanville, $3.15; Hermanville L. A. S., $2. Total, $17.85.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CREWS.

Report on Finance, G. W. Foster; adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct, there being a balance of $3.47 on hand. We have received from the churches

and public collections, $185.15, and turned the same over to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FOSTER.

Statement, G. W. Foster, Treasurer; adopted.

Received of Finance Committee, Sept. 25, 1895	$118 00
Received since	49 00
Total	$167 00
Disbursements, as per vouchers	$163 50
Cash on hand	3 47
Total	$167 00

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FOSTER, Treasurer.

September 26th, 1896.

Report on Pastoral Support, by J. T. Edwards, discussed by B. R. Hughey; adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

When a church secures a pastor, the action gives birth to responsibilities and obligations, imposes duties and forms ties which should loosen our purse strings, awake within us a generosity and prompt us to action. Should we prove so recreant to the trust as to let avarice close the generous hand, and selfishness strangle every noble impulse? Should we grudgingly exchange the perishing temporal for the eternal spiritual? Shall we selfishly draw around our unworthy selves the mantle of Christianity and refuse to share it with a shivering brother? Shall we fill our pastor's larder with the fumes of our kitchen, or his wardrobe with good wishes, or his library with soft words? If it takes $500 to support our families, do not let us try to convince ourselves that it will take $100 to support his. If we become so oblivious of the fact that he is mortal likewise and of the same make-up with physical wants, then let him remind us of our duties. Let not our liberality become so chilled as to close the avenues to our hearts that we will not so ignore the claims of our pastors upon our purses, upon our hands, upon our hearts, as to drive him to other and more inviting fields; let not our pastor's home be filled with emptiness and festooned with cobwebs, and let not our churches become the retreat of the bat and owl. Then let us not greedily snatch blessings from the bountiful hand of our God and use them for our selfish purposes, but apply them as intended and make glad our pastor's heart, make bright our pastor's home, and make light our pastor's work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. EDWARDS.

Report on Nomination, read by Walter Scott, discussed and explained by him, then by J. W. Crews, B. R. Hughey, I. H. Anding, and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATION.

We, your committee, report as follows:

Time and place of next meeting, Philadelphia Church, Wednesday before fourth Lord's Day of September, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. Introductory sermon, I. H. Anding; Alternate, J. H. Purser.

Ministerial Education—J. E. Phillips.
Mississippi College—S. R. Young.
State Missions—H. W. Lantrip.
Home Missions—W. G. Sumrall.
Foreign Missions—J. H. Purser.
Publication—M. M. Young.
Sunday School—J. S. Bailey.
Sustentation—W. B. Thompson.
Prohibition—G. W. Foster.
Pastoral Support—W. J. Scott.
Colored People—W. S. Rogers.
Family Worship—J. T. Edwards.

Executive Board—J. W. Crews, J. W. Walters, J. S. McPherson, W. B. Thompson, T. D. Martin, G. W. Foster, M. A. Price, C. L. Young, J. R. Rollins.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SCOTT,
T. D. MARTIN,
WM. HOLDER.

On motion of Bro. Walter Scott, the business of the Association was continued instead of preaching.

Report on Apportionment, read by J. J. Embry, Chairman of the Committee; discussed by Bros. J. W. Crews, J. J. Embry, J. T. Edwards, and adopted.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee deem it necessary in order to a just and equal share in the benevolent work to apportion to the churches upon the following basis, viz.: 75 cents per capita to the male members of the churches composing this body. We urge Pastors to present this matter continually before their respective churches:

Antioch	$18 00	Port Gibson	$ 6 00
Bethesda	16 50	Piedmont	6 00
Brushy Fork	33 00	Philadelphia	22 50
Beech Grove	23 25	Pine Bluff	49 50
Bethany	14 25	Pleasant Hill	52 50
Center Chapel	13 60	Reganton	6 75
Fellowship	22 75	Rodney	30 00
Hermanville	25 00	Sims' Chapel	14 25
Martin	5 25	Unity	18 00
New Zion	60 00	White Oak	29 25
New Providence	13 50	Smyrna	36 75
			$489 35

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. EMBRY.

Report of Woman's Mission Society was read, and on motion it was decided to incorporate it in the minutes of the Association. Adopted.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETY.

To Union Association—GREETING:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We herewith hand you the annual report of the Woman's Missionary Societies for your kind consideration. You will perceive that we are making some progress, having raised more than twice as much as last year, the worthy little band at Port Gibson taking the lead. We have nine societies at work, and possibly others who did not report. We take courage and pray for strength, for guidance and an abundant blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS ANNIE JACOBS, Secretary.

MRS. N. O. THOMPSON, Vice-President.

Bro. Walter Scott made a statement to the Association that he had paid to the Mississippi College all the money that had ever been expended by the Board of Education for him, amounting to $380. Although it had been nearly twenty years, he had finally succeeded in replacing it and now holds all receipts for same.

On motion, following resolution by J. J. Embry was adopted:

Resolved, That the clerk of this Association attend to the printing of the minutes and distribution of same, and that he draw on the treasurer for the expenses of same, and that he be allowed $20 for his services.

J. J. EMBRY.

On motion, following resolution by J. H. Purser was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association return thanks to White Oak Church and the people of this neighborhood for their cordial hospitality while in their midst. Submitted,

J. H. PURSER.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1897, with Philadelphia Church.

Afternoon Services.

A moral lecture was delivered by Bro. B. R. Hughey, "Nine Gallons of Facts in a Leaky Pan," on the evils of the day, in which he set forth many facts, and, while very amusing, it was also very instructive. After the lecture there was a collection taken for Bro. Hughey amounting to $9.15.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Churches.	*Pastors.*	*Postoffice.*	*Clerks.*	*Postoffice.*	*Time of Meeting.*	*Conference, when held*
Antioch	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	H. Swinney	Spencer	1st Sun. and Sat. before.	Saturday
Bethesda	J. C. Dove	Jessamine.	Allen Nevels	Union Church	1st and 3d Sundays	Saturday
Bethany.	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	P. W. Headrick.	Maharris		Saturday
Brushy Fork	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	G. F. Boren	Hermanville	3d Sun. and Sat. before	Saturday
Beech Grove	S. R. Young	Martin.	C. L. Young	Martin	4th Sun. and Sat. before	Saturday
Center Chapel	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	H. T. Jones.	McBride.	2d Sun. and Sat. before	Monthly.
Fellowship.	H. W. Lantrip.	Lee.	R. M. J. Arnette	Lee	2d and 4th Sundays	Monthly.
Hermanville	I. H. Anding	Utica	J. A. Lord	Hermanville.	1st Sunday	Monthly.
Martin	S. R. Young	Martin.	J. W. White	Martin		Monthly.
New Providence	(Not Represented)					
New Zion	P. A. Harman	Learned	W. G. Sumrall	Crystal Springs.	2d Sun. and Sat. before	Monthly.
Philadelphia	E. P. Douglass.	Wesson	J. E. Decell	Caseyville	2d Sun. and Sat. before	Monthly.
Pine Bluff.	S. R. Young	Martin.	J. A. Gillis	Dentville	1st Sun. and Sat. before.	Monthly.
Pleasant Hill.	S. R. Young	Martin.	T. N. Garrett	Union Church	3d Sun. and Sat. before.	Monthly.
Piedmont	G. W. Farmer	Union Church	T. Posey	Union Church	2d Sun. and Sat. before.	Monthly.
Port Gibson.	J. E. Phillips	Port Gibsou.	J. S. McPherson	Port Gibson	1st and 3d Sundays	Monthly.
Reganton	P. A. Harman	Learned	W. T. Mullican.	Rocky Springs	4th Sun. and Sat. before	Monthly.
Rodney	H. W. Lantrip	Lee	T. B. Wilcox	Rodney	1st and 3d Sundays	Monthly.
Sims' Chapel.	J. E. Phillips	Port Gibson.	M. B. Watson	Port Gibson	2d Sun. and Sat. before	Monthly.
Smyrna.	W. S. Rogers	Clinton	L. Q. Wright	Hazlehurst	3d Sun. and Sat. before	Monthly.
Unity.	W. S. Rogers	Clinton	Robt. Taylor.	Martin	1st Sun. and Sat. before.	Monthly.
White Oak	I. H. Anding	Utica	J. H. Jacob	Utica.	3d Sun. and Sat. before	Monthly.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

* OF UNION ASSOCIATION. *

Name of Societies.	Presidents.	Secretaries.	Postoffice.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Asso'tional Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Mississippi College.	Jackson Church.	Sustentation	Home Work.	Total.
Brushy Fork	Mrs. Mary Boren	Miss Leila Clark	Hermanville	$1 00			$18 25		$3 00		$ 2 00	$ 24 25
Fellowship	Mrs. Ann Bolls	Mrs. L. A. Cox	Lee	8 25	$ 5 00						33 50	46 75
Hermanville	Mrs. M. Gordon	Mrs. L. Crews	Hermanville			$4 00	2 00	$1 00				6 00
New Zion	Mrs. M. E. Scott	Mrs. M. E. Sumrall	Crystal Sp'ngs		25 00		4 25				8 90	39 15
Port Gibson	Miss S. D. McGill	Miss Ora Cade	Port Gibson								120 00	120 00
Rodney	Mrs. N. O. Thompson	Mrs. S. McGill	Rodney	5 50	3 00	2 50				$1 00		12 00
Rodney Young Peo.	I. E. Herring	Miss Emma Herring	Rodney	6 50	2 00	2 50	1 00					12 00
Smyrna	Mrs. M. E. Wilson	Miss Nannie Wade	Hunter		5 00		12 00				33 95	50 95
White Oak	Mrs. H. E. Thompson	Miss Annie Jacobs	Utica	1 50		1 00					24 37	26 97
*New Providence	Mrs. R. J. Davis	Miss Lula McCalip	Allen									
*Reganton	Mrs. K. Middleton	Miss Alice Davis	Reganton									
Total												$338 07

*No report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Associational Missions.	Mississippi College.	Other Objects.	Local Expenses.	Associational Purposes.	Value of Church Property.	Total.
Antioch	$100 00					$ 2 50			$ 4 20	$3 10	$ 300 00	$109 80
Bethesda			$6 00	$ 3 20						2 80	100 00	
Bethany	50 00	$ 4 00		3 55						2 75	100 00	60 30
Brushy Fork	100 00		3 35		$4 15	7 15		$ 5 00	9 50	4 50	500 00	
Beech Grove	100 00	5 00							5 25	2 20	400 00	
Center Chapel	50 00			2 25		2 00			2 20	1 50	225 00	
Fellowship	250 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	5 85				90 00	5 00	750 00	
Hermanville	165 00	6 25		36 50		10 00	$25 00	54 25		3 25	1250 00	
Martin	50 00	4 20					3 00	7 50		1 50		
New Providence (not rep.)												
New Zion	175 00	12 50	12 50	12 55	4 25	12 70	1 05	33 95		5 00	1000 00	269 50
Philadelphia	125 00	4 15	4 15	4 20						3 00	1100 00	
Pine Bluff	125 00			5 25		6 40		10 30		4 00	600 00	
Pleasant Hill	150 00	4 90				3 25	6 40		8 65	5 00	1400 00	
Piedmont	40 00									1 50	80 00	
Port Gibson	100 00	6 00		2 00	1 50					1 60	700 00	
Reganton	125 00	2 00	2 00	2 50					35 80	1 40	350 00	168 70
Rodney	250 00	4 60	4 60	4 70			5 00	25 58	8 80	5 00	2800 00	
Sims' Chapel	60 00	2 00	2 00	2 50						1 35		
*Smyrna	150 00	12 50		3 00					15 00	5 00	500 00	
Unity	75 00	75	75	1 00						1 50	400 00	
White Oak	150 00	7 80		9 40		7 50			207 31	5 00	900 00	
Total	2340 00	84 65	43 35	100 60	15 65	51 50	17 95	136 58	386 70	65 95	13805 00	

*Smyrna church contributed $7 to Sustentation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Churches.	*Superintendent.*	*Postoffice.*	*Literature used.*	*No. officers and teachers*	*Pupils enrolled.*	*Contributions.*
Antioch						
Bethesda						
Bethany			American B. P. S.	3		
Beech Grove						
Center Chapel						
Fellowship	A. J. Foster,	McBride	S. B. C. Series	4	20	$ 1 50
Hermanville			"	3	10	2 00
Martin	J. W. Crews	Hermanville	"	9	55	8 00
New Providence						
New Zion						
Philadelphia	D. H. Green	Crystal Springs	S. B. C. Series	6	30	4 20
Pine Bluff	D. S. Burch	Caseyville	"	6	58	6 00
Pleasant Hill						
Piedment	W. H. Thetford	Union Church	S. B. C. Series	10	71	20 00
Port Gibson						
Reganton	P. C. McPherson	Port Gibson	S. B. C. Series	5	25	4 80
Rodney	J. W. Foster	Reganton	"	5	25	
Sims' Chapel	J. E. Herring	Rodney	"	6	41	10 00
Smyrna	V. J. Davis	Russum	"		35	2 50
Unity	H. O. Beall	Hunter	"	5	25	4 00
White Oak						

CHURCH RECORD.

CHURCHES.	*Received—* By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	*Diminution—* By Death	By Letter	By Exclusion	Total	No. Minutes	Seating Capacity	Nearest Baptist Church
Antioch	7		1	1	6	4	60	25	200	6 m
Bethesda	17	3	2		4		85	28	150	
Bethany	2	1			4	6	42	12	150	
Brushy Fork	10	3		1	2		85	25	200	
Beech Grove	8	2	3	1	2		79	10	300	5 m
Center Chapel		8			2	2	49	12	200	5 m
Fellowship		3		2	4		67	30	300	
Hermanville	2	14		1	4		66	25	400	5 m
Martin	3						15	10		
New Providence (not rep.)								20	250	6 m
New Zion	4	4	1		14	2	169	40	300	5 m
Philadelphia	6			1	3		70	20	300	
Pine Bluff	2	5	2	2	5	2	170	40	300	
Pleasant Hill	4	7		1	12		159	50	500	
Piedmont	4	2		1		1	26	10	200	8 m
Port Gibson	1	5	1				26	12	250	
Reganton	1	3					29	10	200	10 m
Rodney							47	20	300	
Sims' Chapel	3	5		1	1		53	10		5 m
Smyrna	6	2					130	40	200	
Unity		2			2		47	10	250	
White Oak	2	6				1	84	30	350	7 m

ABSTRACT OF FAITH

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

Adopted First Session, September 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our Union among churches of the same faith and order, we, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an association upon the following principles, viz:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming and offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church—the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the church.

3. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism as taught by Christ and his Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make public profession of their faith by submitting themselves as subjects of baptism and as members to the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided always, that those be first considered which effect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflection upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Moderator.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair be previously filled, but shall have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Associational Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by its delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of same.

17. The name of no delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association who absents himself before adjournment without leave of the Association.

18. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties that may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not give them the privilege of voting.

6. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union which may be unsound of principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn at any time or to any place it may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.